

# REFUSE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE

Single-use plastic and Styrofoam foodware is banned in the City of Carlsbad (Carlsbad Municipal Code 6.20)

## ✓ Reusable is best



Reusable foodware saves money and protects the environment.

## ✓ Compostable is okay



BPI/CMA certified compostable and plant fiber items keep foodware out of the landfill and break down into nutrient rich compost.

## ✗ Plastic is not allowed



These items don't break down in the landfill, cause harm to the environment and local wildlife, and pollute our creeks, lagoons and ocean.

## Why are reusables best?

Compared to disposables, reusable foodware items use far less energy and resources over their lifetime. Reusable items help fight pollution and reduce waste by being used over and over again. After several uses, at a breakeven point, reusables pay for the initial cost and start saving your business money.

## Why opt for compostables?

Opting for certified compostable foodware is a great option in Carlsbad, since they are made from plants, look and feel better than plastic and Styrofoam and help businesses stay compliant with state and local laws. Carlsbad's waste hauler processes organic waste from your green cart/dumpster at the Otay Compost Facility. This facility can also process certified compostable items, which are designed to decompose and replenish soil fertility unlike plastics that don't break down in a landfill and cause harm to our environment.

## What is certified compostable?

Greenwashing is a common practice where companies use misleading statements or packaging to make their products seem environmentally friendly when they are not. Not all items branded "compostable" are truly compostable. For this reason, purchase products certified by the two approved certifying institutions: BPI (Biodegradable Products Institute) and/or CMA (Compost Manufacturing Alliance). This will ensure you are using true compostable foodware and foodware accessories.



## Which businesses does this apply to?



A restaurant, café, coffee shop, fast-food restaurant, drive-through service, grocery store, supermarket, convenience store, delicatessen, cafeteria, farmers' market



Mobile food facility, mobile food vendor, catering operation, food truck



Hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts



Other (temporary food facilities, commissaries, etc.)

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